

# MICHIGAN NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Minutes of June 18, 2008  
Northpointe Inn, 1027 South Huron Street, Mackinaw City

The meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) Board of Trustees commenced at 9:06 AM.

The following Board members were present:

Keith Charters  
Bob Garner  
Dennis Muchmore  
Lana Pollack

Mr. Torre was not in attendance due to a prior commitment.

Also in attendance were various staff members of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and other interested parties.

Chairperson Garner introduced the Board members for the audience. He also introduced Mr. Jim Wood, Manager, Grants Management, DNR; Ms. Linda Harlow, Administrative Assistant to the Board; Mr. Rodney Stokes, Chief of Staff, DNR; and Ms. Deborah Apostol, Unit Manager, Recreation Grants, Grants Management, DNR. Ms. Apostol introduced the remainder of the Grants Management staff who were in attendance.

### I. ADOPTION OF MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF APRIL 16, 2008.

Mr. Charters had a question on Page 13 of the minutes, "Chairperson Garner also asked if Mr. Fedewa could provide how the mandated 1/8<sup>th</sup> percentage was determined and what it takes to change it." He wondered if that was something that was coming in the future. He thought most of them were 1/6<sup>th</sup> to begin with. Ms. Mary Uptigrove, Supervisor, Revenue Verification, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, DNR, responded to clarify Mr. Fedewa's comments during the April 2008 meeting, the DNR's current oil and gas royalty rate is 1/6<sup>th</sup>. The rate was established in 1981 based upon review by the 1980 Oil and Gas Task Force and their recommendation to the Natural Resources Commission (NRC). Prior to 1981, the royalty rate had been 1/8<sup>th</sup>. The rate was again reviewed in 1992 by a second Oil and Gas Task Force. This Task Force analyzed the 1980 findings and recommended to the NRC that the 1/6<sup>th</sup> rate be retained. Mr. Charters said that was the point he was getting at. He thought it was 1/6<sup>th</sup>. So it is his understanding that all the wells prior to 1981 would be 1/8<sup>th</sup>? Ms. Uptigrove responded yes.

Ms. Pollack would be interested in having a discussion if the public is getting an appropriate amount of money. The revenues are a formula of what comes out of the ground times what the royalty is. It has been a number of years since it has been

reviewed. It doesn't mean we would recommend to the NRC that it be changed, but we should at least have a discussion.

Mr. Charters stated that he will ask the NRC Finance and Administration Committee to take a look at it. Ms. Pollack responded that what she would like is to consider what a small fraction of the change would do to the revenue stream.

At this point, Chairperson Garner introduced Natural Resources Commissioner John Madigan to the audience.

**MOVED BY MS. POLLACK, SUPPORTED BY MR. MUCHMORE, TO  
APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 16, 2008 MNRTF BOARD  
MEETING. PASSED.**

II. ADOPTION OF AGENDA FOR MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2008.

**MOVED BY MS. POLLACK, SUPPORTED BY MR. CHARTERS, TO  
APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE JUNE 18, 2008 BOARD MEETING.  
PASSED.**

III. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Mr. Lyn Johnson, Controller, Emmet County

Mr. Lyn Johnson, Controller for Emmet County, invited the MNRTF Board and all others in attendance to a luncheon and tour of The Headlands, property that was purchased with the generosity of the MNRTF. A shuttle bus will be available to provide transportation to the Headlands for all participants.

Mr. Mike Powers, Chair, Recreation Board, City of Manistique – Central Park

Mr. Mike Powers, Chair of the Recreation Board for the City of Manistique, wished to thank the MNRTF Board for their role in helping to create the city's 40-acre recreation park (Central Park). The park is in the center of the city, and in the center is a quarry lake. The quarry area was an eyesore, and eight years ago, the city manager at the time wanted to fill in the quarry. The residents of Schoolcraft County did not want this natural resource destroyed.

The park includes fishing piers, swimming area on the north end, picnic area, walking area, two new tennis courts, two basketball courts, baseball field, archery range, band shell and playground.

Mr. Powers provided the Board members with an invitation to attend the "Central Park Celebration" on Saturday, July 19, 2008. This will be the grand opening of the recreation area, with many events planned---log rollers for the quarry, archery demonstration, fishing tournament, tennis tournament, Walk Michigan, chain saw carvers, two-man saw competition and others. Ribbon-cutting ceremony will be at 10:30 AM.

Ms. Jan Bassett and Mr. Dan Reszka, Village of Elk Rapids – 08-078, Elk Rapids Waterfront/Basin Acquisition

Ms. Jan Bassett from the Village of Elk Rapids, made a presentation and provided hand-outs in support of 08-078, Elk Rapids Waterfront/Basin Acquisition. This is the second year the village has submitted an application for this acquisition. She provided the Board with a copy of the addendum to the village's application and an events brochure for Antrim County.

Ms. Bassett stated that changes have been made to the grant application submitted this year. The selling price was \$3 million and now it is down to \$1.9 million. The village is seeking a MNRTF grant in the amount of \$1,425,000. In addition, match dollars, \$475,000, are secure at this time. She invited the Board to view the property.

Ms. Carol Fulsher, Treasurer, Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority – 08-105, Iron Ore Heritage Trail Development, City of Ishpeming

Ms. Carol Fulsher, Treasurer of the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, made a presentation in support of 08-105, Iron Ore Heritage Trail Development. The Authority is in charge of developing the 48-mile multi-use interpretive trail system. The Authority is made up of ten municipalities, plus the county of Marquette. There are seven townships involved. All of these units of government are working together on development of the trail.

Ms. Fulsher stated she provided the Board with an update of the trail project last October. Since then a number of things have happened. The recreation master plan has been developed and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Enhancement grant has been approved.

The application submitted this year is to construction a 2.2-mile segment of the trail from Brownstone to Winthrop Junction.

Ms. Pollack asked if there was any chance of renewed interest in mining in the Upper Peninsula that would create a problem for recreational use of the trail, such as who owns the subsurface rights. The response was mining would be located north of this area. Kennecott is surveying the area to determine what minerals are in the ground. The trails involved are actually railroad grades. The mines in the Negaunee area are down about 3,000 feet and they don't feel it will ever cave in. The Humboldt mine will be opened up as a fishery and that is along the Heritage Trail.

Ms. Pollack stated that her specific question was who owns the mineral or subsurface rights in the area. The response was they still rest with the mining companies. They very seldom give them up. Ms. Pollack wondered what the geology was in the area. She is concerned with making an investment for a recreational opportunity that is not secured against mining. The response was the area that is being developed for the trail is nowhere near the new mining areas. The areas are three miles away. Regarding the Tilden and Empire mines, which are iron mines, there is some talk of expanding that to the east, but nowhere near where the trail development would be. It goes through areas that have already been mined out.

Ms. Pollack asked staff to report to the Board the geological review of the area compared with the sulfite or mining that is proposed for the other areas. Ms. Fulsher stated that a lot of the railroad grades have already been purchased by the state of Michigan. Ms. Pollack stated that we all have mineral rights and she wants to know what the geology is and what the potential is for the sulfite mining. In the Upper Peninsula there could be a conflict between the tourism and recreational values that are so great and the new interest in mining. Before the MNRTF Board makes investments she wants to know that years down the road Kennecott or some other interest won't come back and exercise their rights. She wants staff to provide the geological maps, unless there is no interest or legal rights to the areas or if there are mineral rights that are outside the control of the local governments.

Mr. Charters asked if Mr. David Holli or Mr. John Madigan are supportive of the project. The response was Mr. Holli has given permission to work through his area and is very supportive.

Ms. Sharon Vreeland, Township Manager, Acme Township – 08-095, Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition

Ms. Sharon Vreeland, Township Manager for Acme Township, made a PowerPoint presentation and provided hand-outs in support of 08-095, Acme Waterfront Park Acquisition. The township is located in the northeast corner of Grand Traverse County on the southeast shore of Grand Traverse Bay. There are approximately 4500 residents in the township and is primarily tourism and agricultural based.

Ms. Vreeland stated that the township has been fortunate to have received two grants from the MNRTF—Deepwater Point Natural Area (TF96-110) and Yuba Creek Natural Area (TF00-162). A new park system plan has been developed for the next five years and has been approved by DNR staff in April.

Ms. Vreeland pointed out the project area via a map on PowerPoint. The township would like to provide a mile-long waterfront park in downtown Acme and convert an area that is currently in private commercial use to almost entirely recreational. There are two phases of the project going at this time, which she pointed out via a map on PowerPoint.

The waterfront area is developed with mostly “Mom and Pop” businesses, a veterinary office, etc. One area has recently been developed with condominiums. Ten of the 24 privately owned parcels in the one mile stretch are or will be available within the next two years.

There is a lot of support for the project. Along with the public input process for the development of the parks plan, last September the township had a public input process to try and figure out if the properties were acquired, and how they would be developed for recreation opportunities. Key features that were mentioned are pedestrian and biking trails, kayaking, bathing beaches, volleyball courts, etc.

Ms. Pat Salathiel, Shoreline Advisory Committee Co-Chair continued by pointing out more features of the proposed project via a map on PowerPoint. This property would connect to existing amenities, such as the TART Trail.

In addition, acquisition of the properties would provide resource protection, as well as fishing opportunities. In the middle of the project is a private marina which provides access for boaters. At the current time Bayside Park and MDOT Park provide swimming. Swimming is not that great at Bayside Park and is not good at MDOT Park. With acquisition and then development of the park, it would also provide economic benefits for the township.

Chairperson Garner asked if hunting was allowed in Yuma Park. Ms. Vreeland responded yes.

Mr. Muchmore asked if the local Indian tribe has been involved in this acquisition proposal. Ms. Vreeland responded that the township is trying to work closely with them on a number of issues, but have not asked for their direct participation in this project. The township has talked to the General Manager of the resort and he is very excited about the opportunity to provide this additional amenity.

Mr. Dennis Keiser, Supervisor, Bear Creek Township – 08-092, Jones Landing Park Development

Mr. Dennis Keiser, Supervisor of Bear Creek Township, made a PowerPoint presentation and provided hand-outs in support of 08-092, Jones Landing Park Development. With the MNRTF's assistance, last year the township was able to purchase property on Walloon Lake. The property is now open and the buildings that were on the property have been recycled.

The development application that has been submitted is for a grant of 59% MNRTF, 22% from the township and 19% from the Waterways Fund. The Waterways Fund portion has been received, and the township's portion has been set aside.

Mr. Keiser pointed out and explained various features of the project via photographs and maps on PowerPoint. Jones Landing Park is located in the southwest corner of the township. This is the township's only access to Walloon Lake. The park is located about five miles south of the city of Petoskey. There are five townships that border Walloon Lake.

The township put a new dock on the site in the spring. Boaters have to park their vehicles on Gruler Road. The development application includes two new docks, boat launch area, picnic area, pavilion/deck area, restroom building, beach/sand volleyball area, roads and parking area. The park will be handicapped accessible, but not totally universally accessible.

A recreation committee was appointed and made up of residents and members of the Walloon Lake Association. There was concern about the boat parking. There is a grass area that could be used as overflow.

Ms. Pollack mentioned that the park will be handicapped accessible, but not totally universally accessible. She wondered if the township has worked with Ms. Linda Hegstrom, Grant Coordinator for Bear Creek Township, to see if the township would qualify for Kellogg Foundation funds. Mr. Keiser said there are some challenges that would need to be dealt with to make the park entirely universally accessible. The pavilion will be universally accessible.

Mr. Keiser stated the Waterways Fund portion of the grant would include the boat launch, parking, turnaround, and a portion of the restroom building. The rest of the development of the park would be funded with MNRTF and the township's match—the balance of the restroom, pavilion, beach area, walkway, etc.

Chairperson Garner asked if the Walloon Lake Association member on the township's recreation committee was helpful. Mr. Keiser responded yes.

Ms. Pollack wanted to know what it would cost to make the swimming area accessible. Mr. Keiser responded that this will be researched.

Mr. Jeff Bal, Consultant, Crystal Falls Township – 08-058, Gibson Lake Park Improvements

Mr. Jeff Bal, Consultant for Crystal Township, made a PowerPoint presentation in support of 08-058, Gibson Lake Park Improvements. Iron County was rich in iron and mining many years ago. During that time nice parks were built and maintained. The mine shut down and many people moved away, but their hearts were in the Upper Peninsula. They came back to visit the parks and they were no longer grand.

Mr. Bal stated that Crystal Falls Township never had a recreation plan. Four years ago some citizens got together and stated that one of the parks they wanted to see improved was the Gibson Lake Park. The park is located off US 141 in Crystal Falls.

Mr. Bal proceeded to present photographs of the park via the PowerPoint presentation and provided explanations. The changing house, pavilion and restroom need renovation. The township would also like to make improvements for visitors to camp in the park, as well as improvements to the boat launch. Other development would include putting in a fishing pier, beach access and an accessible trail.

The township has never received a MNRTF grant and it is the third time they have submitted an application.

Chairperson Garner asked, regarding the boat launch, could the Waterways Fund assist with this portion. Mr. Stokes responded they might not be able to apply for funding this grant cycle.

Mr. Bal stated that future plans for the park would include additional campsites on the north side of the lake.

Chairperson Garner asked how much funding the township was asking for. Mr. Bal responded the township's match will be \$77,000 (30% match) and are asking \$179,500 from the MNRTF.

Mr. Bal further stated that both Crystal Falls and Hematite Townships would work together to maintain the park. A lot of residents of Hematite Township use the park. Another fact is there is no public beach within close proximity of the area.

Ms. Pollack again asked about the potential mining in the area. She again asked for all Upper Peninsula projects that staff provide the Board with an informed overview of the mineral rights and the geology. Mr. Stokes stated Ms. Uptigrove will be providing an

overview of mineral leasing and production today. In addition, there is also a staff person that is familiar with mineral rights and could have them provide this information at a future Board meeting. Chairperson Garner suggested by the next Board meeting.

Mr. Adam Burks, Village of Elberta – 08-034, South Elberta Dunes Natural Area Acquisition

Mr. Adam Burks, Village of Elberta, made a PowerPoint presentation in support of 08-034, South Elberta Dunes Natural Area Acquisition. This is an acquisition for 58.23 acres and 1,425 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. The property would be used for hiking, surf-fishing, wildlife viewing and cross-country skiing.

The property is privately owned, but has been used as a recreational area for generations. The village is excited to now have the opportunity to ensure public access to the property.

Mr. Burks outlined the acquisition via photographs of the area on PowerPoint.

Mr. Charters asked about trails in one of the photographs and asked if they were for skiing. Chairperson Garner asked if the property is acquired, would hunting be cut out. Mr. Burks responded that the village has a no firearms discharge law. Chairperson Garner asked if bow hunting would be allowed. Mr. Burks responded that it is his understanding that it will be open for bow hunting.

Mr. Charters further asked about hunting. He wondered why he could not bow hunt in the area that was identified as no hunting. He wants this clarified before the Board votes on this project. The response was bow hunting will not be allowed within 150 yards of an occupied building.

Mr. Charters asked about the reference made in the village's need statement, "The Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy currently holds an 'Option to Purchase' to purchase the property. Unless the village and Conservancy are able to amend and/or extend the Option with the current owners, the Conservancy will have to purchase the property by December 31, 2008, with the express intent of conveying the property to the village at a bargain sale once the village has secured funding for the property." Mr. Charters stated it appears the property will be going into public ownership anyway. The response was the Conservancy will have to take out a loan. The Conservancy would only exercise the Option if the MNRTF approved the grant.

Ms. Nicole Sanderson, Parks and Recreation Director, City of Gladstone; and Mr. Tom Creten, President, Timberland Engineering – 08-014, Van Cleve Park Harbor Point Revitalization

Ms. Nicole Sanderson, Parks and Recreation Director for the City of Gladstone, made a PowerPoint presentation in support of 08-014, Van Cleve Park Harbor Point Revitalization. The city is located in the central Upper Peninsula, about seven miles north of Escanaba. The population is approximately 5200 people.

Ms. Sanderson stated that the city has had a good relationship with the MNRTF, who have assisted the city with grants in the past. She identified various city projects via

PowerPoint photographs. She informed the Board that the MNRTF grant for the city's 10<sup>th</sup> Street Pier project (TF05-021) has been completed.

Van Cleve Park is heavily used. Development will include a restroom, fish cleaning station, façade lighthouse, walkway, paved parking, shoreline protection, parking and landscaping. This would be Phase I. She pointed out locations of the project via PowerPoint photographs.

Ms. Pollack asked how many new parking spaces are being proposed and how much of the project will be paved. Mr. Creten responded that there is a parking area in place right now and he pointed out on a map on PowerPoint where the additional parking would be and it would be paved. Ms. Pollack asked if there were concerns about runoff. Mr. Creten responded no.

Ms. Sanderson stated that the total project will be \$350,000, and the city is seeking \$100,000 from the MNRTF. Match will come from a redevelopment grant from the Department of Environmental Quality, Great Lakes Fishery Trust, cash donations and general fund.

Mr. Muchmore wanted to point out that if this project is recommended for funding, just because it is identified as Phase I does not automatically mean that Phase II would be funded. Ms. Sanderson understands that, and one of the larger phases is for harbor work, and the city has applied to the Michigan Waterways Fund for this grant.

Mr. Muchmore asked if the city will maintain the park from the general fund. Ms. Sanderson responded yes. Mr. Muchmore asked if the city is, for Phase I, providing a cash donation towards the project. Ms. Sanderson responded yes, \$25,000. The city receives an endowment each year. Mr. Muchmore asked if it was coming from the endowment this year. Ms. Sanderson responded not this year. Mr. Muchmore stated that it is important to him that the city put in some actual taxpayer cash.

Mr. Stan Rickard, City Manager, Mayor Clancy Aerts, City of Hart; and Mr. Klaus Heinert, Gosling-Czubak – 08-050, John Gurney Park Improvements

Mayor Clancy Aerts and Mr. Stan Rickard, City Manager for the City of Hart; and Mr. Klaus Heinert, consultant for the city, made a PowerPoint presentation in support of 08-050, John Gurney Park Improvements. The city is located in Oceana County and has approximately 2,000 residents. John Guerney Park is located within the city limits of Hart.

Mayor Aerts provided some history of John Guerney Park.

Mr. Rickard stated that Mr. Gurney donated the property for the park in 1912 with the stipulation that it remain a public park and always be called the John Guerney Park. This is a multi-use park on Hart Lake. There is a 240-acre impoundment. The City of Hart owns the electric utilities. The electric utilities go back to 1896. In 1927, the first hydroelectric dam was built and the city still generates hydroelectric power in the city today.

Mr. Rickard outlined various photographs of the park via PowerPoint.



A group that has been very active on the west side of the state is the Michigan Trails and Greenway Alliance. One development of the proposed project would include a trailhead in John Guernsey Park to the Hart-Montague Trail, which was one of the first rail-trails in the state.

Mr. Heinert stated that this is a 28-acre parcel, with 2200 feet of water access on the Hart Lake and Pentwater River. There are approximately 28 species of fish that are heavily fished in these waters.

Mr. Heinert continued by stating that one of the major goals of this project is to take what is currently in the park and update facilities for better access to the water, natural resources, upland woodland and other types of viewing. In 1921 the first improvements occurred on the site, after the Gurney family donated the property. The active recreation is a key component in the park. There are five townships that are participating in active recreational sports that use the park. Recently soccer was moved out of the park and is focusing more on the ball field aspect. Soccer has been consolidated to a township location. The park is also used for swimming and picnicking. The city will be focusing on enhancing universal accessibility. The local Boy Scouts troop is providing interpretive and trail development on the north side of the park. Picnicking and camping areas will be developed for lower slopes of the beach.

Mr. Heinert further stated that the city feels they will be providing a multi-generational and universally accessible facility for the entire Hart region. He continued by pointing out various photographs of the park via PowerPoint.

The city is working to obtain grants from the Department of Environmental Quality and Waterways Fund for the picnic and beach to make the area barrier-free.

Chairperson Garner questioned the high price of putting in baseball fields (\$200,000). Mr. Heinert responded that they totally need to be rebuilt. Chairperson Garner stated that most of the time users of baseball fields will develop them and use their own funds for materials. Using MNRTF funds for ball fields raises a "red flag" with him personally. The response was that the city is working with other sponsors to leverage funds for the ball fields.

Ms. Pollack echoed Chairperson Garner's comments regarding the high cost of the baseball fields. She also asked about the relationship to FERC. She wondered if the dam was a source of electricity. The response was yes. The dam was built in 1927. In 2003, the city received a 40-year FERC license. With the license came some stipulations, one of which is a wildlife plan. Water quality, temperature, aquatic and recreation studies are required.

Mr. Muchmore asked if there were a lot of fish killed in the FERC dam area. The response was it was believed there was not a lot of fish killed in the area, as it is a small facility. It is basically an inland lake with walleye and bass. Mr. Muchmore applauded the objectives in the city's master plan dealing with green building interests in redoing the facilities. Ms. Pollack and Mr. Muchmore are involved in these types of interests, and he would like to know how the city arrived at these objectives.

Mr. Muchmore was troubled by the reduction in campgrounds from 80 to 20 sites. The response was that the 80 sites are reduced to 20 to be universally accessible. There are

also three pods of group camping or periodic camping that is available to the north which actually pushes the camping available per capita over 150. We actually are increasing the number of possible sites. There are also a lot of trailer or camper sites available in the region. Mr. Muchmore stated that some communities reduce the number of campsites because they do not want transient campers from outside the area. He has some concern about that. He would not want the MNRTF putting a lot of money in an area where access restrictions are in place. The response was that there is no plan to reduce any more seasonal campsites.

Mr. Muchmore asked about the trail riders and wondered what kind they were. There had been some controversy lately about horse trails. The response was the Hart-Montague Trail is a hard-surfaced rail-trail. Ms. Pollack also stated that this is a very popular trail.

Ms. Pollack stated that if one of the reasons the campsites are being lost is to build baseball fields, this may not be a good match for the MNRTF Board to take.

Mr. Kevin Trevillian, Civil Engineer, City of Iron Mountain, and Ms. Toni Strutz, Vision 2020 Coordinator – 08-024, Millie Mine Bat Viewing Site Trail

Mr. Kevin Trevillian and Ms. Toni Strutz from the City of Iron Mountain, made a PowerPoint presentation and provided hand-outs in support of 08-024, Millie Mine Bat Viewing Site Trail. Ms. Strutz stated that the project overview is development of a trail between Highway US-2 and Northside Park and continuing on towards the Millie Mine Bat Viewing site. The trail would then go on to a scenic overlook that will be ADA accessible. Development also includes a parking lot at the bat viewing site and Northside Park. Historical signs will be along the existing trail in Northside Park.

Ms. Strutz advised the Board that the total cost of the project is \$203,300. The city's local match would be \$81,500 (40% of total project cost). Chairperson Garner asked what funds the match would be coming from. Ms. Strutz responded that the match is as follows:

- City of Iron Mountain will provide \$30,500 in donated labor
- Lilja Fund - \$30,000
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers - \$12,000
- Iron Mountain-Kingsford Rotary Club - \$10,000
- Bacco Construction Company - \$6,000
- Menominee Range Historical Society – consulting on historical signage information
- Two geologists will be helping out with the mining aspect

Ms. Strutz further stated that the city's application will be amended to include another partner for the local match.

Ms. Strutz continued by stating the trail route will go along the fence on the perimeter of Chapin Lake. Chapin Lake was formed when the Chapin Mine closed in 1932 and water was no longer pumped from the mine. Additional parking will be available at the trailhead on US Highway 2.

Ms. Strutz outlined the existing trail in Northside Park. This is a .33-mile trail that was installed in the summer of 2007. The trail goes around the foundation for the Chapin Mine shaft "B" Hoist Building. Six interpretive signs are on the trail outlining mining. The connecting trail from Northside Park to the bat viewing area will pass by the Chapin Mine Shaft "B", which is fenced in. The trail route will pass the base of two abandoned ski jumps and will climb the hill using old mining railroad grades.

Mr. Trevillian continued by outlining the Millie Mine Bat Viewing site. In 1995, the mine entrance was caged and fenced in by the DNR Wildlife Division's Non-Game Fund and the City of Iron Mountain. Approximately 43,000 bats use the mine as a critical wintering habitat. This site is one of the top five largest hibernaculum (hibernating site) in the Great Lakes Region. The parking lot area will be moved closer to the viewing site to improve accessibility for visitors and improve police access. The project will also include adding lighting and replacement of the interpretive signs.

Mr. Trevillian further stated from the Millie Mine Bat Viewing site to the Iron Mountain overlook, the trail passes through a fire ecology region, which was caused by repeated burnings of the hill. The trail will be graded from the bat viewing site parking lot. All areas will be in compliance with ADA accessibility standards. There will be a 36" rail height on the platform.

Mr. Trevillian continued by stating the parking lots, overlook platform and trails will have a universal access design. The overlook platform will have 36" rails. The trails connecting US Highway 2 to the Iron Mountain overlook will be designed within ADA allowable grades and resting areas. The trails will be surfaced with crushed mine rock to provide a smooth surface.

Mr. Trevillian stated that there is great public support for the project. There has been a Phase I environmental impact assessment done on the parcel and it is contamination safe for public use. The trail system and Millie Mine Bat Viewing site will be free to all visitors and will stay open year-round.

Ms. Pollack asked about the environmental impact assessment and wondered with proper fencing of areas, if there is a need for soil removal, replacement or further contamination remediation. Mr. Trevillian responded no, there is no required remediation for contamination.

Mr. Muchmore stated that the bat viewing area is a great project. He congratulated the city on being so creative with this project.

#### Mr. Daniel Behring and David Combs, Village of Onekama – 08-045, Portage Lake Wetlands Acquisition

Mr. Daniel Behring, Village of Onekama, made a PowerPoint presentation in support of 08-045, Portage Lake Wetlands Acquisition. This is a project that both the village and the township have supported. Both the village and township have a joint recreation master plan. Last Friday, the watershed plan was approved.

Mr. Behring stated that the Village of Onekama is off of US-31 and then M-22, with a population of about 550; the township has about 1400. The population doubles about June 1. Portage Lake is a blue water lake, is spring-fed and has an access point to Lake

Michigan. It is one of the few blue water lakes in Michigan. The area is basically a fishing, sailing, hunting and agriculture community.

The acquisition project is located within the Village of Onekama, and consists of three properties. There is 380 feet of water frontage on Highway M-22. The owners of the properties are interested in selling to the village. There are uplands and wetlands on the eastern side of the property, as well as numerous wildlife species.

The community center is located on M-22. The center houses the senior center, library and village offices. Restrooms are available to the public. Also, an educational room is available for meetings.

Most of the property on Portage Lake is privately owned. There is a small section that the DNR owns.

The project will be universally accessible. There will be a multi-use dock which will be accessible. Recreational uses for the property include canoeing, kayaking, fishing, wildlife viewing, walking and wading. The acquisition will meet the goals of the village's watershed plan.

Mr. Behring proceeded to point out various aspects of the acquisition via a map on PowerPoint. If the funding for the property is acquired, the village will preserve a significant amount of the wetlands that are left in the village.

Chairperson Garner asked about the 25% local match and wondered how much the village was providing. Mr. Behring responded that the village has set up a fund for private donations, fund-raising from the local support groups and the township has committed 10% of the match.

Mr. Behring also added that the village wants to make habitat hunting available on the property.

Mr. Robert F. Stalker, II, Superintendent, Oscoda Township – 08-016, Oscoda Beach Park Observation and Fishing Pier

Mr. Robert Stalker, Superintendent of Oscoda Township, made a PowerPoint presentation and provided hand-outs in support of 08-016, Oscoda Beach Park Observation and Fishing Pier. Oscoda Township is located in the northeast portion of the state in Iosco County and is along the shores of Lake Huron and banks of the AuSable River. In 2006, Oscoda was declared a "Cool City." Oscoda is located on the US-23 heritage route and is the gateway to the River Road National Scenic Byway. Oscoda is also the home of the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base.

Oscoda Beach Park is located in the downtown business district. The park has approximately 1,025 feet of Lake Huron beach frontage and comprises nearly 11 acres. It offers a wide variety of recreational opportunities, and is one of the best public beaches in the state with its well known unspoiled pure sand beach. The proposed project is to develop and construct an 8-foot wide, 100-foot long boardwalk leading to a 16-foot wide, 550-foot long pier with handrails and lighting. This would also create a link between the existing boardwalk and the Lake Huron waterfront. This development would create significant recreational and economic benefits.

Benefits of the project would be:

- Create universal access to Lake Huron
- Create linkage to a larger trail system/waterfront integration
- Scenic viewing and wildlife observation
- Create fishing opportunities
- Natural resource protection
- Economic stimulus for the Oscoda downtown area

Existing amenities in Oscoda Beach Park include a basketball court, playground, picnic pavilion, and bath house. A band shell will be constructed in cooperation with the local Rotary Club.

Mr. Stalker continued to point out aspects via photographs on PowerPoint. The project would provide a linkage to the downtown area, existing sidewalks, pathways and township parks. It would also offer wildlife observation and fishing opportunities. The township feels the most important aspect would be the “on the water” experience.

Mr. Stalker further stated that the project is supported in the township’s recreation master plan, blueprints for downtown Oscoda plan, the township board goals and objectives and the pending Oscoda Trail System Master Plan. The township’s general fund will be providing one-third of the project cost - \$250,000 (total cost of the project is \$750,000).

The project has been overwhelming supported by Representative Joel Sheltrown, Senator Tony Stamas, Oscoda AuSable Chamber of Commerce, AuSable Charter Township, Huron Pines Conservation, Oscoda Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Oscoda AuSable Community and Business Association.

Ms. Pollack responded that the links to the safe routes to school program is very positive and one that she would like to hear about more often. Kids who walk to school actually relate to the outdoors.

Mr. Charters stated that this is a beautiful park and well worth visiting. Chairperson Garner also agreed.

Mr. Harry Wierenga, Landscape Architect, and Mr. Eric Jacobson, Tuscarora Township – 08-074, Indian River Pathway Development

Mr. Harry Wierenga, Landscape Architect for Tuscarora Township, made a PowerPoint presentation in support of 08-074, Indian River Pathway Development. This is a development project that will consist of a non-motorized pathway connecting the Gaylord-Cheboygan Rail Trail, Burt Lake State Park, Indian Lakes School campus, Shrine of the Cross, Indian River business district and Cooperation Township Park.

Mr. Wierenga stated that Indian River is located in the heart of the township, where 55% of the residents live. He proceeded to point out various areas via a map on PowerPoint.

Burt Lake State Park draws approximately 100,000 residents a year. Tuscarora Township actually has fewer permanent residents than they do certified registered

seasonal residents. Cooperation Park had received grant funding in the past (Land and Water Conservation Fund). The park includes six ball fields, soccer fields, play areas, shelters, and picnic areas. It is about a mile from M-68 west and more than a mile from downtown Indian River.

Mr. Wierenga stated that last week was the ribbon-cutting and opening for the Gaylord to Cheboygan Rail Trail. The proposed development of the connecting pathway would be linked with this trail. He further stated that the Downtown Development Authority's charge was to make improvements in the downtown area and provide access.

Mr. Wierenga continued pointing out various areas of the trail development via a map on PowerPoint. A very careful evaluation of the proposed pathway was done. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) did their own evaluation as to the crossing options of the pathway. The pathway would provide a safe road crossing and access to park users, as well as access for students from Indian River to the school campus.

The total project is \$1.7 million. MDOT will provide \$800,000 and the township \$381,500 towards the match. The township is seeking \$500,000 from the MNRTF.

Mr. Muchmore asked about the MDOT consideration and wondered if the pedestrian bridge is going to be funded by them. Mr. Wierenga responded yes, MDOT focused on funding this portion of the project. Mr. Muchmore asked if they get a federal match for this. Mr. Wierenga responded that it would be through the Enhancement Program.

Chairperson Garner asked who would be responsible for maintenance and upkeep for the overpass structure over M-68, as part of it would be located on state property. Mr. Wierenga responded that the agreement is being drafted and will be in place. The Downtown Development Authority and the county are going to be responsible for the pathway. Resolutions have been passed and MDOT has required conditions of maintenance over the life of the project.

#### Ms. Shannon Greaves, City Clerk, City of Gladwin – 08-019, Gladwin City Park and Campground Improvements

Ms. Shannon Greaves, City Clerk for the City of Gladwin, made a presentation and provided hand-outs in support of 08-019, Gladwin City Park and Campground Improvements. The property was formerly the Gladwin State Park and was deeded over to the city in October of 1982. Things have come full circle as the park originally was a city park and was deeded to the State of Michigan October 12, 1920.

The city continues to make improvements to the park. The City of Gladwin has applied for \$154,000 in MNRTF funding. The local match of 37% is \$89,500.

It is imperative that ADA-compliance be achieved in the park. This development project will guarantee compliance with these issues and upgrade the campground to consist of construction of an ADA-accessible restroom. The restroom has been partially funded already by the Midland Area Community Foundation, Charles J. Strosacker Foundation, Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation, Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation and Alden and Vada Dow Family Foundation. These foundations have contributed approximately \$50,000 for the restroom.

The grant would also include an accessible platform over the Cedar River, accessible walk place to the river platform via a mobi-mat, installation and upgrade of water in the western area of the campground, tennis courts resurfacing, replacement of the roadway and upper campsites and installation of two concrete accessible camping lots, including accessible water, electric, fire pit and picnic table.

The city plans to continue on working on ADA-compliance issues in the near future and this funding will meet the city's schools and accessibility needs. At the February 25, 2008, Gladwin City Parks and Recreation Committee meeting, there was a policy created that states patrons that cannot afford to pay the park entrance fees will be able to park in the adjacent lot for free. The parking lot is at the entrance to the park.

The city has applied for the "Blueprints for Michigan Downtown" program to help develop a plan for the downtown area. This area is adjacent to the Gladwin City Park and Campground. The city's objectives with the "Blueprints" program is to develop a program that will, over a five-year time period, assist the area with economic enhancement. This will help with the development of new employment, businesses and investment of the downtown area. The MNRTF grant would also promote the city's tourism population.

Ms. Greaves stated that she has a cousin who is physically challenged. He must be carried to the beach area. With portable walkways, there would be no problem wheeling him to the area. She concluded by stating on behalf of the city, her family and herself, she would appreciate any assistance the MNRTF could provide.

Ms. Pollack asked how much the grant request was for. Ms. Greaves responded \$154,000. Ms. Pollack asked how much it would be if the tennis courts were deleted. Ms. Greaves responded it would be about \$12,000 to \$13,000 less.

Mr. John Rowe, Landscape Architect, U.P. Engineers and Architects – 08-068, Rotary Park Development, City of Sault Ste. Marie

Mr. John Rowe, Landscape Architect for U.P. Engineers and Architects, made a presentation in support of 08-068, Rotary Park Development, City of Sault Ste. Marie. This is an extremely popular park in the city. The park is a 4.5-acre "island" park, with 1600 square feet on the Lower St. Mary's River and is connected to the mainland by a short causeway. He provided the Board with copies of the application that had been submitted by the city.

Mr. Rowe stated that for the average person to get to the water is very difficult. East of Rotary Park is the shipping canal and Sugar Island. Many people sit on the benches to view the Great Lakes freighter passing by. To the west is the Rotary Park inlet between the park and the mainland. To the south of the park are the city's three Lower River Islands which are undeveloped dedicated park land.

To make the project universally accessible, development would include scenic and natural viewing areas, fishing and kayaking opportunities, accessible hard surface pathways, youth fishing platform, driveway and parking area with asphalt sub base, new accessible restrooms, pedestrian lighting, seating areas, accessible kayak/canoe landing area with transfer pad, lawn restoration and landscaping, upgraded children's play area, park and way-finding signage and interpretive signage.

Mr. Rowe further stated that the city is hoping to receive Kellogg Foundation funds for this project because of the universal accessibility development.

Mr. Bill Ford, Secretary-Treasurer, Powell Township – 08-104, Thomas Rock Scenic Overlook

Mr. Bill Ford, Secretary-Treasurer for Powell Township, made a presentation in support of 08-104, Thomas Rock Scenic Overlook. This is a development project that would include a scenic overlook at a natural rock outcrop providing views of Lake Superior, a nature trail, observation deck, accessible toilets and parking lot and picnic facilities.

The MNRTF grant request is for \$319,100.

Mr. Ford asked the Board to consider approval of funding for this project.

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

2008 Application Review - Notebooks

The Board has been provided with notebooks containing all 2008 MNRTF applications. No further discussion.

Board Policies 92.2 and 92.3 – Naming Recognition Policy Discussion

Mr. James Wood, Manager, Grants Management, DNR, outlined a Draft memo regarding Board Policies 92.2 and 92.3, Site Names and Recognition. At the February 20, 2008 meeting, the Board considered an amendment to Board Policy 92.3, which is the naming of sites acquired or developed with MNRTF assistance. At the meeting, the Board requested staff conduct additional review and comments from various stakeholder groups prior to finalizing the amendment.

The primary concern of Board members has been centered on the MNRTF receiving appropriate recognition for its investment in public recreation sites. A MNRTF plaque on entrance signs for grant-assisted projects is required. Board Policy 92.2 could be amended to require that recognition of the MNRTF's investment in a public recreation site be placed in the park in a prominent location where park users commonly gather.

Since the MNRTF Board is already included in the process for the naming of DNR-owned sites, adding additional recognition to sites assisted with MNRTF through Board Policy 92.2 would replace the goal of Policy 92.3.

Staff would suggest that the Board rescind Board Policy 92.3, Site Names, concurrent with necessary changes to Board Policy 92.2 to require informational signage at all MNRTF assisted sites.

Mr. Charters suggested that this issue be deferred for discussion at the August 20, 2008 Board meeting.



## V. NEW BUSINESS.

MNRTF Investments and Mineral Revenue Trends – Mr. Joseph Frick, Chief, Office of Financial Services, DNR; and Ms. Mary Uptigrove, Supervisor, Revenue Verification Unit, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, DNR

Ms. Mary Uptigrove, Supervisor of Revenue Verification Unit, Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, DNR, made a PowerPoint presentation outlining the Mineral Leasing Programs. The purpose of the presentation is to look at past mineral production and revenue activity, current production and revenue trends and project revenue for the MNRTF. Estimates are subject to fluctuations outside the DNR's control.

Ms. Uptigrove stated that in Part 5, Section 502, 1994 Public Acts 451, as amended, it states "The Department may enter into contracts for the taking of coal, oil, gas, and other mineral products from State owned lands..." In addition Natural Resources Commission Policy – Minerals (effective March 11, 1999) states:

- "It shall be the policy of the NRC to manage State-owned minerals in a manner that protects and enhances the public trust.
- Minerals shall be developed in an orderly manner to optimize revenue consistent with other public interest and natural resource values."

Currently, there are the following active mineral leases:

- Oil and Gas – 832,589 acres under 7,959 leases
- Gas Storage (Underground Storage of Natural Gas) – 32,770 acres under 83 leases
- Metallic (Gold, Silver, Copper, Platinum, Nickel) – 54,403 acres under 233 leases
- Nonmetallic (Sand, Gravel, Limestone, Salt) – 3,568 acres under 53 leases

As of May 31, 2008, the total number of active leases for all four programs is 8,328, involving 922,331 acres. Although oil and gas is the largest program, leasing interest has increased in all four programs.

In November 2007 and May 2008, oil and gas auctions resulted in 1,942 additional leases totaling 201,564 acres. May 2008's auction alone has 1,408 leases, with 149,548 acres in a "pending" status. Including the "pending" status, oil and gas acres top 9,600 leases with over one million acres. Staff is looking forward to this fall's proposed oil and gas auction where it is anticipated that over 250,000 acres being nominated.

Michigan is currently ranked 17<sup>th</sup> overall out of 33 producing states in oil and gas activity. It is 13<sup>th</sup> in natural gas production, 18<sup>th</sup> in oil production and 1<sup>st</sup> in underground gas storage. In 2005, Michigan ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in gas and 17<sup>th</sup> in oil. The gas storage working capacity was 623.4 Bcf in fiscal year 2005, and 667.27 Bcf in fiscal year 2008. The industry is abandoning some fields and adding others.

The oil and gas lease terms are:

- Auction Lease – Standard terms
  - 1/6 royalty rate
  - 5-year primary term
  - \$13/acre minimum bid
- Direct Lease – Direct Lease terms are typically 3/16<sup>th</sup> and 1 to 3 years
  - To complete drilling unit
  - To protect against drainage
  - Terms negotiable

Since 2000, the state oil and gas lease auctions have resulted in a total of \$37.7 million. In fiscal year 2000, 28,000 acres were offered, while fiscal year 2008 had over 213,000 acres offered. There has been an increase in acres leased as a result of higher oil and gas prices being seen on the marketplace. At the May 2008 auction, 100% of the 149,548 acres were leased. Successful auctions do not necessarily equate to actual production and royalty payments.

In fiscal year 2008, \$36.70 million was received from revenue of mineral leases for the first six months, after the Section 29 contract effect. It is projected that \$63.5 million will be received for the year, with the oil and gas portion being \$35.95 million. For metallic, nonmetallic and underground gas storage leases, revenue received for the first six months of fiscal year 2008 was \$752,000.

Ms. Uptigrove stated that statewide production volumes are declining. In fiscal year 2007, production dropped 7% to 162.2 Bcf of natural gas and 2% to 5.6 million barrels of oil. There have been no new discoveries to date. Decline has averaged 5.3% over the last 10 years for gas and 5.6% for oil.

Secondary recovery efforts have occurred over the past 15 years and there has been some increase occurring with more anticipated. Recovery has been 20% or less of the original production. The current limited activity may be a time delay. The industry is revisiting the Niagaran Reef and PDC formations in the northern lower peninsula. Secondary recovery depletes the product sooner. Compared to the overall statewide production, there is no noticeable increase in production volume.

Ms. Pollack stated she would like a review of how we approach revenue after taking the product out of the ground and then decide if any adjustments are needed in 2008. Mr. Stokes responded the current royalty rate was established back in the early 1980's. The State of Michigan decided several years ago not to invest money in production, but to let the private sector invest their money and whatever they get, the state gets 1/6<sup>th</sup> of. Ms. Pollack responded that is what she was asking, and with review, it may come out that the 1/6<sup>th</sup> is the wisest, but if it has been 25 years, it is time to revisit it. Mr. Charters stated he will ask the NRC Finance and Administration Committee to review this issue.

Chairperson Garner stated that what he cannot envision is that somehow the state tells the producer how to sell its product. It is all speculation with its oil. Ms. Pollack stated that it seems to her that the contracts could be written in such a way that the royalties are pegged to the time that the resource is pulled out of the ground, and this is not the case now. She does not see why this couldn't be done. If we were in a falling market,

that could not be a good thing to do. She feels this issue should be discussed. If there is an appropriate open meeting she could learn more about this, she would be interested in attending.

Ms. Uptigrove continued by stating that high oil and gas prices have lead to increased leasing activity and royalty payments. In 1999, oil prices were as low as \$8.75 per bbl and gas as low as \$1.69 per Mcf. In May of 2008, NYMEX oil prices averaged \$100 for eight months, with gas prices averaging \$9.17.

Oil price volatility continues due to:

- Supply instability
- Economic slowdowns
- Summer seasonal gasoline demand
- Geopolitical instability – Middle East, Nigeria, Venezuela
- Growth in global demand – China and India leading the increase
- Marginal increase in production
- Flow of investment funds into the Energy Commodity Market
- Projected above average hurricane season

The U.S. government's Energy Information Administration (EIA) projects oil prices to:

- Average \$110 per bbl in 2008
- Average \$103 per bbl in 2009
- Decline in 2009 due to:
  - Reduced demand
  - Increasing production levels
  - Increasing world-wide production capacity
  - Increasing inventory levels

Natural gas price volatility influenced by:

- U.S. economy
- World energy markets
- Tendency to track crude oil prices
- Cold winter and spring weather pattern
- Warmer than normal summers
- Changing inventories
- Increasing use of commodity markets to hedge price volatility
- Projected above average hurricane season

In addition many electrical plants were converted from coal to natural gas in the 1990s, and warmer summers draw more electricity for air conditioning. The EIA projects natural gas prices to average \$9.69 per Mcf in 2008 and \$9.41 per Mcf in 2009.

Revenue projections include all four leasing programs and the historical revenues received for each program. About 10% of the revenue goes into the Game and Fish Funds. Kennecott's contribution to the metallic program has been estimated at \$1 million over eight years at today's commodity prices, if and when they go into production. In the interest of time today, Mr. Charters asked if he could meet with Ms. Uptigrove to further to go over the oil and gas leasing, revenues and production issues, as he had

many questions to ask. He also invited Ms. Pollack to attend, as she also had many questions.

Ms. Uptigrove outlined the Section 29 contract. This was authorized under Part 5, 1994 PA 451, as amended. It was between the Motor City Four (MC4) and the State of Michigan. The effective date of the contract was April 1, 1997, and impacts 2,800 Antrim Natural Gas wells. The MNRTF received \$4.8 million in advance for 10 billion cubic feet (Bcf), and the Environmental Protection Fund received an additional \$33 million for the tax credits. This impacts between 40-45% of our natural gas production.

Other facts of the contract include:

- Royalty payments go to MC4 for production between 57 Bcf and 67.3 Bcf
- June 2005 – reached 57 Bcf
- July 2005 – payments due to MC4
- November 2007 – reached 67.3 Bcf
- Contract ends effective December 1, 2008 with final payment due July 7, 2008
- Payments to MC4 total \$59.6 million

At this point, Mr. Frick provided information on the MNRTF asset allocations and investments. This information had been provided to the NRC at their May 8 meeting. Ms. Pollack stated that, due to the lateness of the meeting, if the Board was not prepared to have Mr. Frick give a more complete outline of the information, she suggested that it be deferred until the August meeting. She has a lot of questions to ask about the information, and she feels these questions should be asked and answered in a public meeting.

Mr. Charters asked if the Board's role is to determine if they are comfortable or want to alter the balance of the investments. Mr. Frick responded that is a key factor. The two things that would be talked about today are the asset allocation and stabilization reserves. Right now we are at 25% of the stock market and 75% at fixed. We could go up to 30% and 70%, or we may not do anything at this time as the stock market is dicey. Chairperson Garner asked who makes this call. Mr. Frick responded the State Treasurer has all the legal authority, but they are looking to DNR for our risk tolerance. Chairperson Garner asked if they looked at the NRC or the MNRTF Board. Mr. Frick responded when this was originally done, the NRC took a "hands off" and let the MNRTF come up with their own recommendations. It was the MNRTF who adopted the spending policy of 5%.

Mr. Frick continued by saying that the second thing to be discussed would be the decision to take project lapses and build them up in the Stabilization Reserve. As of September 30, 2007, there is about \$25 million in the Reserve. The Board has been setting money aside that potentially could be spent. The investment income is now at the point where it is starting to be larger than what we are getting on the nonrenewable because the corpus is growing fast.

Ms. Pollack asked if any of the assets were in option rate security. Mr. Frick responded no, unless they are somehow expressed in the Institutional Index Mutual Funds. All the investments are held in mutual funds.

Mr. Charters asked if the Board has to make any decisions today. Mr. Frick responded the Board does not have to make any decisions today. We can continue with the 75% and 25%, with a 5% distribution if the Board wishes. The MNRTF has done quite well with this ratio.

Chairperson Garner stated that the Board should take a look at it, but he is not sure the Board would want to change anything. Mr. Frick responded that he feels the Board might not want to change their investment strategy at this point in time. Chairperson Garner suggested that the Board go over the materials that had been provided and get back with Mr. Frick if there is anything they would like to change or discuss.

## VI. STATUS REPORTS.

### Local Projects Completion Report

No discussion.

### Open Projects Status Report

No discussion.

### MNRTF Lump Sum and Line Item Department Projects

No discussion.

### Financial Report

Mr. Charters asked about the \$17,539,000 figure under “Resources” and “2008 Revenue”, if that reflects the \$64 million estimate previously mentioned by Ms. Uptigrove. Mr. Frick responded that the MNRTF does not get all of the oil and gas revenues, but this figure does reflect this.

Mr. Charters also asked under “Administrative Expenses and Encumbrances” why Forest, Mineral and Fire Management went from \$833,775 in 2007 to \$1,043,100 in 2008. Mr. Wood responded that the 2007 figure is the actual amount and the 2008 is the appropriation amount, so this does not mean the full appropriation will be spent. Mr. Charters wanted to remind everyone that if the figure is going up to allow the DNR to hire more staff to have more frequent oil and gas sales and take advantage of what is happening right now, that is fine. Right now the desire is there and we do not have the staff to offer more oil and gas sales. If it does not reflect this factor, he wants to know about it. Mr. Wood responded the Board will receive an answer to this question.

## VII. OTHER MATTERS AS ARE PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD.

None.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The next meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Board is scheduled for 9:00 AM, Wednesday, August 20, 2008, at Lansing Community College West Campus, 5708 Cornerstone, Lansing, Michigan.

IX. ADJOURNMENT.

**MOVED BY MR. CHARTERS, SUPPORTED BY MR. MUCHMORE, TO  
ADJOURN THE MEETING. PASSED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:14 PM.

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Bob Garner, Chairperson  
Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund  
Board of Trustees

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James Wood, Manager  
Grants Management

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DATE